

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: PROCESSES FOR PREPARING CALCIUM SALT FORMS OF STATINS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, applicants submit herewith the Preliminary Amendment. No fee claim is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required due fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Allowance of the pending claims is hereby respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.